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On-Line Computing Environment**

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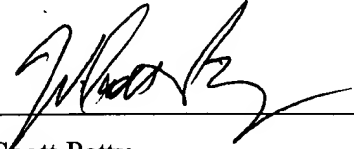
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1. I am counsel for General Electric Capital Corporation, the Assignee of pending Non-Provisional Patent Application No. 09/766,727.
2. I received the fully executed Assignment transferring ownership of the invention and the above-styled non-provisional patent application from the inventors, Messrs. Paul Foster and Richard Warshauer, to General Electric Capital Corporation on or before January 22, 2001. Each of the identified inventors signed the Assignment in accordance with employee policy at General Electric Capital Corporation.
3. Although the inventors failed to arrange for a Notary Public to witness execution by each inventor of the Assignment, I understand that there is no formal requirement at the Patent Office for a signed notarial statement to complete the Assignment of the invention and pending patent application from each of the inventors to General Electric Capital Corporation.
4. As I transmitted to the Patent Office the fully executed Assignment for recordation on January 22, 2001, the execution date for the Assignment is at least as early as the date I placed that signed document in the U.S. mail to the Patent Office, namely January 22, 2001.

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